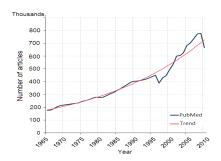
# Human Language Technology for Cultural Heritage and Digital Humanities







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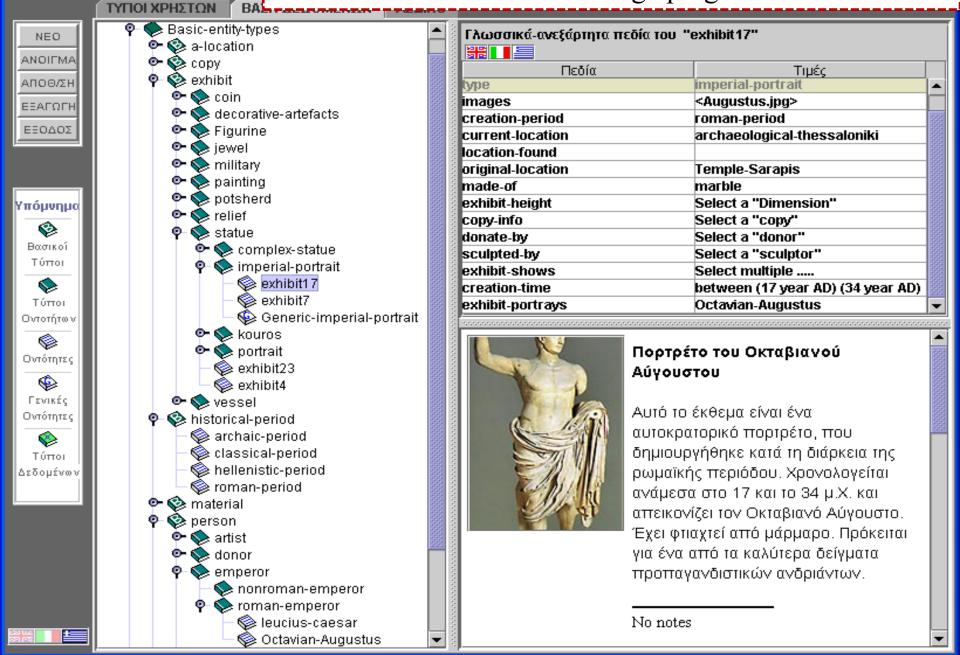
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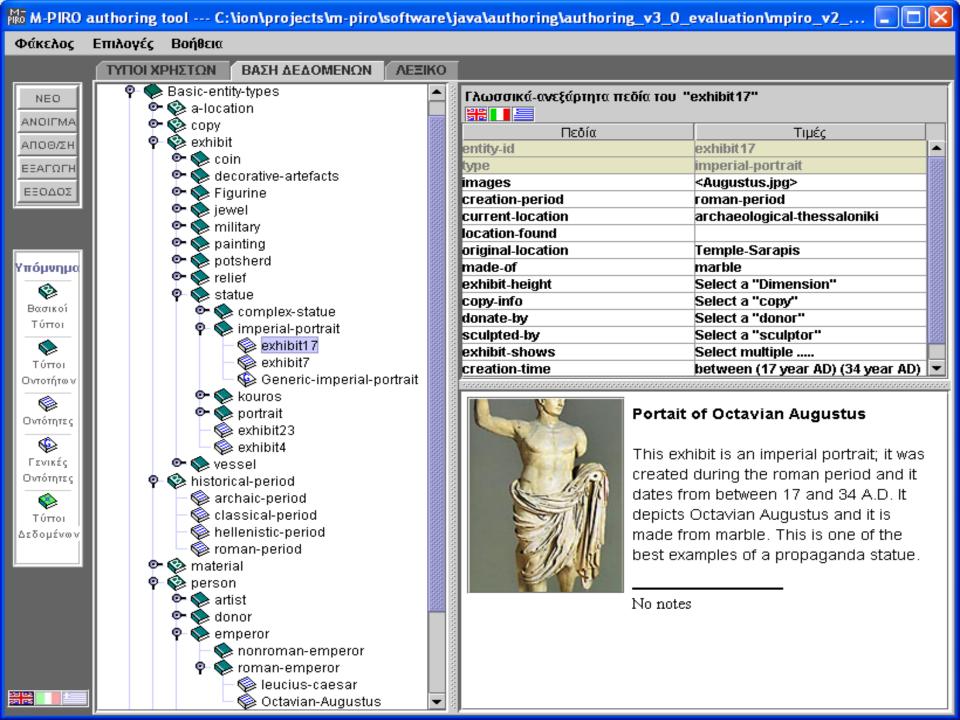
## Natural language generation and spoken dialogues in the INDIGO project

Project info: www.ics.forth.gr/indigo Video available at: nlp.cs.aueb.gr/projects.html

Video recorded at the Foundation of the Hellenic World (FHW). Copyright of monument images: FHW. The descriptions of the monuments are generated from an OWL ontology based on information provided by FHW. INDIGO was an IST FP6 project funded by the European Union.

Μο M-PIRO authoring tool --- C:\ion\ Φάκελος Επιλογές Βοήθεια Authoring tool of IST M-PIRO. Developed at NCSR "Demokritos". Similar Protégé plug-in also available.



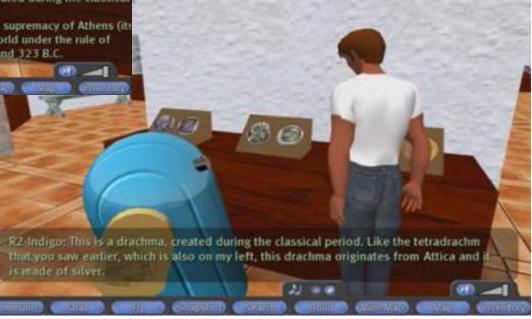


#### Natural language generation in virtual museums



Generating exhibit descriptions from OWL ontologies in Second Life (secondlife.com). Video available at: nlp.cs.aueb.gr/projects.html

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## Information on your mobile phone

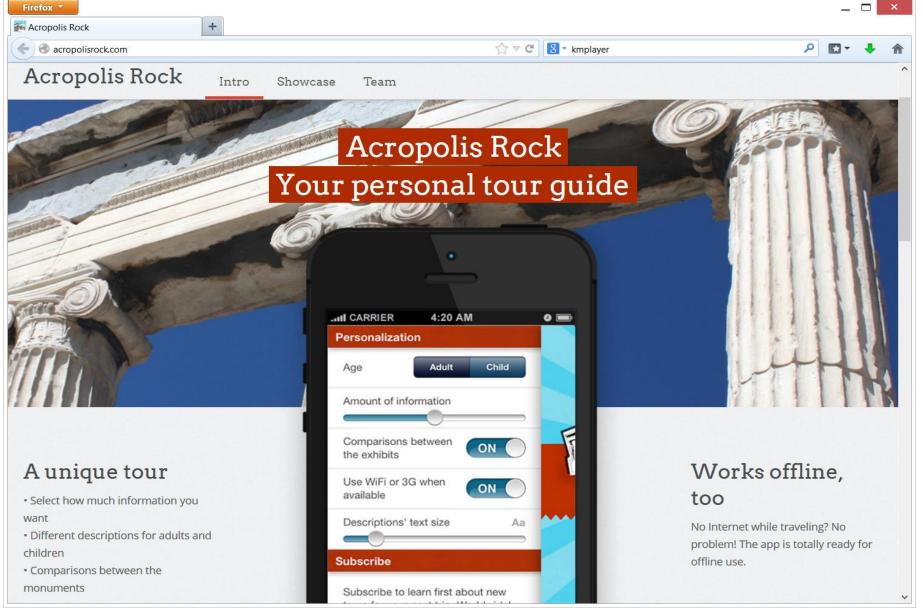




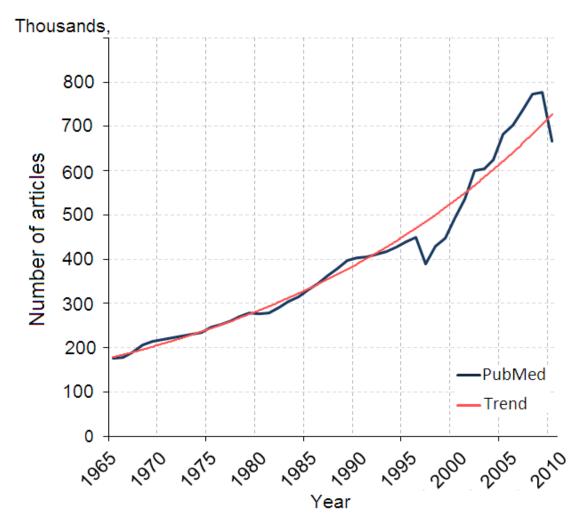


Touring Machine (G. Karakatsiotis and V. Pterneas). Winners of the Greek Microsoft Imagine Cup 2010, winners of the International Imagine Cup 2011 (interoperability category). Texts generated from an OWL ontology of the Agora of Athens, created during INDIGO (www.ics.forth.gr/indigo) based on information of the Foundation for Hellenic World (www.fhw.gr/fhw).

Try it when visiting the Acropolis



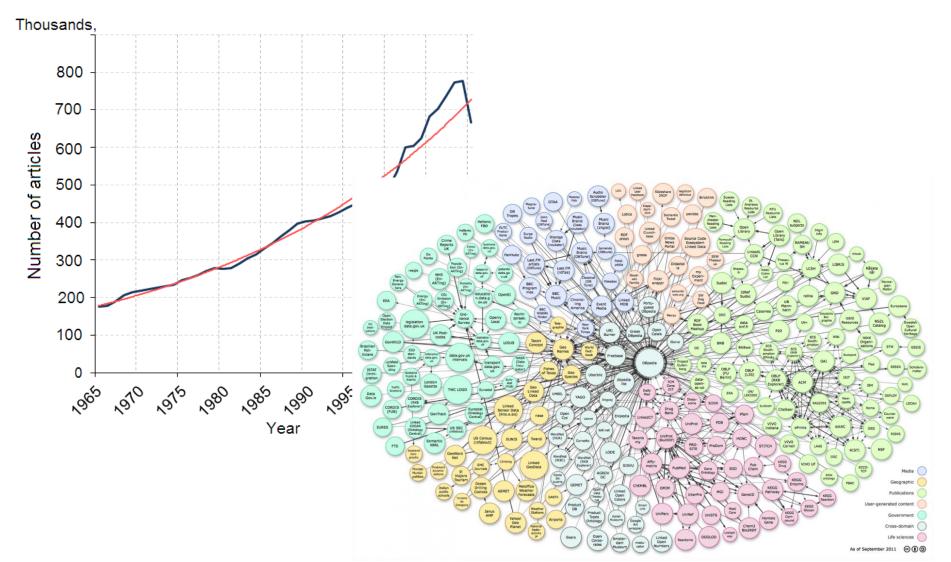
## Biomedical articles per year



In 2011: approx. 20 000 new PubMed articles per week!



#### Not only texts: ontologies, linked data, ...





## Questions of biomedical experts

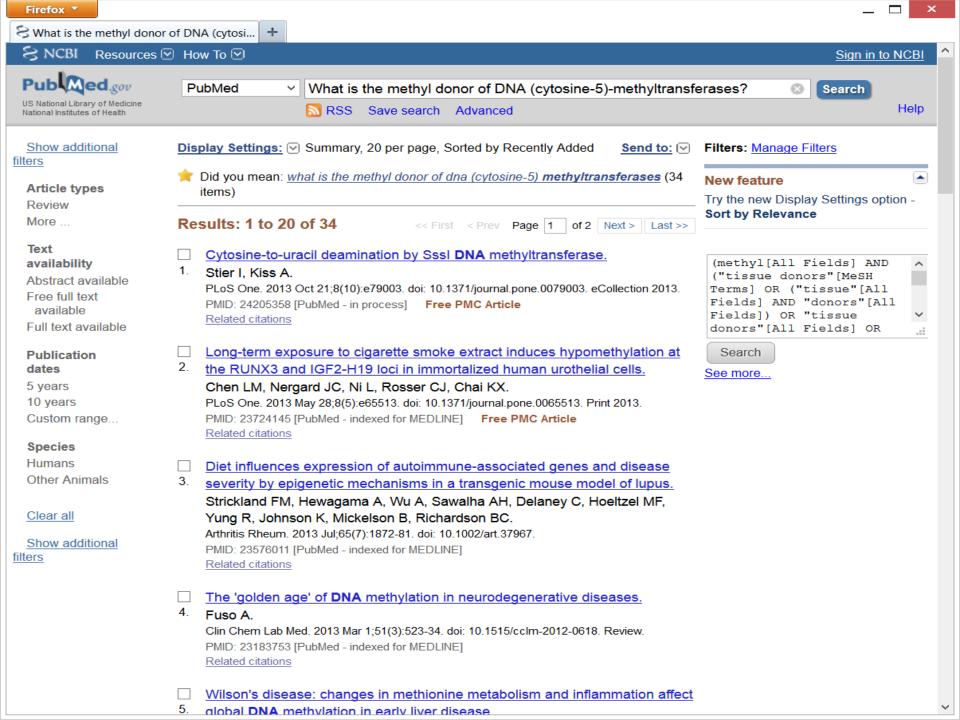
- Factoid question: "What is the methyl donor of DNA (cytosine-5)-methyltransferases?"
  - Exact answer: "S-adenosyl-L-methionine"
  - Ideal answer: "S-adenosyl-L-methionine (AdoMet, SAM) is the methyl donor of DNA (cytosine-5)-methyltransferases. DNA (cytosine-5)-methyltransferases catalyze the transfer of a methyl group from S-adenosyl-L-methionine to the C-5 position of cytosine residues in DNA."



## Questions of biomedical experts (II)

- List question: "Which species may be used for the biotechnological production of itaconic acid?"
  - Exact answer: { "Aspergillus terreus", "Aspergillus niger", "Ustilago maydis" }
  - Ideal answer: "In 1955, the production of itaconic acid was firstly described for Ustilago maydis. Some Aspergillus species, like A. itaconicus and A. terreus, show the ability to synthesize this organic acid and A. terreus can secrete significant amounts to the media. Itaconic acid is mainly supplied by biotechnological processes with the fungus Aspergillus terreus. Cloning of the cadA gene into the citric acid producing fungus A. niger showed that it is possible to produce itaconic acid also in a different host organism."





#### What is BioASQ?

A systems competition funded by the EU (FP7).

#### Task A: Hierarchical text classification

- Organizers distribute new unclassified PubMed articles.
- Participating systems assign MeSH terms to the articles.
- Evaluation based on annotations of PubMed curators.

#### Task B: IR, QA, summarization, ...

- Organizers distribute English biomedical questions.
- Participating systems provide: relevant articles,
  snippets, concepts, triples, "exact", "ideal" answers.
- Evaluation: both automatic (GMAP, MRR, ROUGE etc.) and manual (by biomedical experts).



## Similar Needs in Digital Humanities?

- Would it be useful to organize a similar challenge for digital humanities?
- How do researchers of digital humanities search?
- Where do they search? Which repositories?
- Collect questions reflecting real needs plus gold answers (articles, snippets, "exact", "ideal" answers)?
- For which subfields?
- Funding?
- Contact me if you are interested and/or know some of the answers...